

# IRISH LAND COMMISSION

## RETURN

OF

## PROCEEDINGS

UNDER

"THE LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACTS, 1881 AND 1887;" "THE LABOURERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891;" AND "THE PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885, 1888, AND 1891;" AND "THE REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891,"

DURING THE MONTH OF

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# IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

MONTH OF MARCH, 1895.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," up to the 31st day of March, 1895: also of Proceedings up to same date, under "The Labourers (Ireland) Acts, 1883-1891," and under "The Purchase of Land (Ireland) Acts, 1885, 1888, and 1891," and "The Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891."

## COURT OF THE IRISH LAND COMMISSION.

### I.—FAIR RENT.

#### (a.) In Court.

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 28th February, 1895, . . .	178,508		Rents Fixed—		
Applications received in month of March, 1895, . . .	179	178,687	By Chief Commission to 28th February, 1895, . . .	4,214	
			" in month of March, 1895, . . .	6	4,220
Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 28th February, 1895, Do. in month of March, 1895, . . .	9,325		By Sub-Commissioners to 28th February, 1895, . . .	105,232	
	9	9,344	" in month of March, 1895, . . .	294	105,516
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 28th Feb., 1895, . . .	28,875		Dismissed—		
Applications received in month of March, 1895, . . .	21	28,896	To 28th February, 1895, . . .	7,745	
			In month of March, 1895, . . .	10	7,755
Number of Cases under the "Redemption of Rent (Ireland) Act, 1891," which were treated as Applications to fix Fair Rents to 28th Feb., 1895, . . .	494		Struck out—		
" received in March, 1895, . . .	1	495	To 28th February, 1895, . . .	35,030	
			In month of March, 1895, . . .	39	35,069
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court, transferred from Civil Bill Courts, to 28th February, 1895, . . .	1,553		Withdrawn—		
Do. in month of March, 1895, . . .	3	1,556	To 28th February, 1895, . . .	14,423	
			In month of March, 1895, . . .	8	14,431
		1,358			
Total, . . .	—	216,843	Total disposed of, . . .	—	217,011

#### (b.) Out of Court.

Agreements out of Court, in Form 33, fixing Fair Rent to 28th February, 1895, . . .	115,531
Do. do. in month of March, 1895, . . .	129
Total, . . .	115,660

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be intended, when applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

† These ones are also included in Redemption of Rent, Table (ii.), page 6.

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.\*

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	1,401		Number disposed of to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	2,327
Applications received in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	2	1,403	" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	8
Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.) transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 28th February, 1895, Do in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	31			
	—	31		
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present tenancies (Form 81) received to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	1,043			
Applications in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	1,043		
	—	1,043		
Total, . . . . .	—	2,477	Total disposed of, . . . . .	2,335

\* The first notice of Application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of leases, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

## III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTEE TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE 1ST JANUARY, 1863, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887").—SEC. 2.—FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1895,† . . . . .	55	Leases or Grants declared void to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	22	
		" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	22
		Applications disallowed or struck out to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	30	
		" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	30
		Applications withdrawn or com- promised to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	3	
		" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	3
Total, . . . . .	55	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	55

† The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 22nd February, 1895.

## IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	15	Applications granted to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	2	
" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	2
" Transferred from Civil Bill Courts to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	3	Applications disallowed or struck out to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	9	
" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	9
		Applications withdrawn to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	3	
		" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	3
Total, . . . . .	—	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	14

## V.—PROCEEDINGS UNDER THE LANDWORKERS (IRELAND) ACTS, 1883-1891.

Applications received to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	3,384	Rents fixed to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	3,299	3,354
" in March, 1895, . . . . .	29	" in March, 1895, . . . . .	5	
		Applications dismissed, struck out, and withdrawn to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	344	345
		" in March, 1895, . . . . .	1	
Total, . . . . .	3,823	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	3,399

## VI.—APPEALS TO FAIR RENTS, &amp;c.

Number of Appeals lodged to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	43,550	Number heard to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	23,159	22,320
" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	117	" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	161	
		Number dismissed or struck out to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	801	801
		" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	
		Number withdrawn to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	20,013	20,341
		" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	226	
		Total Number disposed of, . . . . .	—	43,362
		Remaining to be disposed of, . . . . .	—	398
Total, . . . . .	43,667	Total, . . . . .	—	43,667

## VII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACTS, 1885 AND 1893.

	Number.	Amount.
Lease applied for to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	20,335	£ 11,378,932
" in March, 1895, . . . . .	—	—
Deduct Applications refused, . . . . .	23,383	11,378,932
	3,589	1,383,142
	23,796	9,995,790
Lease sanctioned to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	23,566	9,913,067
Less amount in cases since rescinded by Order of Court, . . . . .	20	6,673
	23,546	9,906,393
Lease sanctioned in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	7	2,401
	23,551	9,908,795
Lease issued to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	24,806	9,875,803
" in March, 1895, . . . . .	7	3,442
	24,813	9,879,245

## VIII.—PURCHASE OF LAND (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£		£
Loans applied for to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	6,583	2,375,508		
"    in March, 1895, . . . . .	134	54,930		
	6,717	2,430,438		
Less number of applications previously withdrawn, . . . . .	1	300		
			6,716	2,430,138
Loans applied for in cases of Purchase of Estates to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	3,281	865,311		
"    in March, 1895, . . . . .	60	15,741		
	3,341	881,052		
Total number of Loans applied for to 31st March, 1895, . . . . .	—	—	9,057	2,811,478
Less applications refused to 31st March, 1895, . . . . .	477	201,544		
"    "    in cases of Purchase of Estates to 31st March, 1895, . . . . .	483	191,914		
			8,580	2,619,934
Loans sanctioned to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	4,917	1,706,064		
"    in March, 1895, . . . . .	99	35,373		
	5,016	1,741,437		
Loans sanctioned in cases of Purchase of Estates to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	1,051	287,685		
"    in March, 1895, . . . . .	80	16,865		
	1,131	304,550		
Total number of Loans sanctioned to 31st March, 1895, . . . . .	—	—	6,133	2,024,517
Less applications rescinded by Order of Court to 31st March, 1895, . . . . .	43	45,213		
"    in cases of Purchase of Estates, by Order of Court to 31st March, 1895, . . . . .	78	40,333		
			121	65,546
Loans issued to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	3,889	1,412,013		
"    in March, 1895, . . . . .	148	53,930		
	4,037	1,465,943		
"    in cases of Purchase of Estates to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	787	176,181		
"    in March, 1895, . . . . .	77	9,359		
	864	185,540		
"    in cases under the Redemption of Rent Act, to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	35	34,482		
"    in March, 1895, . . . . .	1	760		
	36	35,242		
			4,903	1,650,722

## IX.—REDEMPTION OF RENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1891.

Applications received to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	531	Number of cases in which Consents to Redemption of Rent have been received and cases treated as Agreements to Purchase to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	137	
"    received in March, 1895, . . . . .	1	"    received in March, 1895, . . . . .	—	137
		Number of cases in which no Consents were received and which were treated as applications to fix Fair Rents* to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	603	
		Number of cases in which time had expired for receiving consents in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	1	694
		Number of cases in which applications have been received but where time for lodgment of consents has not expired . . . . .		531
Total, . . . . .	532	Total, . . . . .		832

\* Applications treated as Fair Rent cases are also included in Fair Rent Table (c), page 5.

## CIVIL BILL COURTS.

## MONTH OF MARCH, 1895.

Summary of Proceedings under "The Land Law (Ireland) Acts, 1881 and 1887," as notified to the Irish Land Commission, up to the 31st day of March, 1895.

## I.—FAIR RENT.

(a.) *In Court.*

Applications under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1881," to have Fair Rents fixed in Court to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	28,796	35,901	Rents fixed to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	15,175	16,243
Applications received in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	105		" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	68	
Applications by Leaseholders under "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," to have Fair Rents fixed to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	4,084	4,104	Applications dismissed or struck out to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	2,202	3,219
Applications received in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	10		" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	17	
Applications to fix Fair Rents in Civil Bill Courts under sec. 6 "Land Law (Ireland) Act, 1887," when an agreement is pending, to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	2,328	2,336	Applications withdrawn* to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	394	325
Applications received in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	8		" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	1	
Total . . . . .	—	35,541	Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 28th Feb., 1895, . . . . .	10,588	10,592
			" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	14	
			Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	30,389

(b.) *Out of Court.*

Agreements out of Court, in Form No. 33, fixing Fair Rent to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	7,502
" " in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—
Total, . . . . .	7,502

\* An application to fix a Fair Rent cannot be withdrawn without the consent of both Landlord and Tenant, and it may be inferred, where applications for leave to withdraw are made, that a rent has been agreed upon between the parties.

## II.—MISCELLANEOUS ORIGINATING NOTICES.†

Miscellaneous Originating Notices (e.g., Sale of Tenancies and Resumption of Holdings, &c.): Applications received to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	527	533	Number disposed of to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	233	238
Applications received in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	6		" in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	5	
Applications by Leaseholders to be declared Tenants of present Tenancies (Form 81), received to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	3	3	Transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 28th February, 1895, . . . . .	31	31
Applications received in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—		Transferred in month of March, 1895, . . . . .	—	
Total, . . . . .	—	536	Total disposed of, . . . . .	—	269

† The first notice of application to the Court, seeking its decision upon the true value of a tenancy, fair rent, avoidance of lease, or any other question which the Court has jurisdiction to decide under the Act, is termed an Originating Notice.

III.—APPLICATIONS BY LESSEE OR GRANTER TO HAVE LEASE OR GRANT EXECUTED SINCE  
1ST JANUARY, 1869, DECLARED VOID ("LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887,"—SEC. 2).—  
FORM 80.

Number of Applications received to 23rd February, 1895,*	6	Leases or Grants declared void to 28th Feb., 1895, .	—	—
		" in month of March, 1895, .	—	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 28th Feb., 1895, .	6	6
		" in month of Mar., 1895, .	—	
		Applications withdrawn or compromised to 28th February, 1895, .	—	—
		" in month of March, 1895, .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 28th February, 1895, .	—	—
		" in month of March, 1895, .	—	
Total, . . .	6	Total disposed of, .	—	6

\* The time limited in the Act for lodging an Application of this kind expired on the 23rd February, 1895.

IV.—APPLICATIONS BY MIDDLEMAN CLAIMING TO BE ENTITLED TO SURRENDER HIS HOLDING  
UNDER SEC. 8 OF "LAND LAW (IRELAND) ACT, 1887."—FORM 83.

Number of Applications received to 28th February, 1895, .	22	Applications granted to 28th Feb., 1895, .	3	4
" in month of March, 1895, .	—	" in month of Mar., 1895, .	1	
		Applications dismissed or struck out to 28th Feb., 1895, .	4	4
		" in month of Mar., 1895, .	—	
		Applications withdrawn to 28th February, 1895, .	1	1
		" in month of Mar., 1895, .	—	
		Applications transferred to Irish Land Commission Court to 28th February, 1895, .	3	3
		" in month of Mar., 1895, .	—	
Total, . . .	22	Total disposed of, .	—	13

Irish Land Commission, }  
18th April, 1895. }

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